

LITTER IS WASTE OUT OF PLACE

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HYDE COUNTY SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

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Tarp Give-Away to Prevent Litter and Accidents

WHERE DOES LITTER COME FROM?

Pedestrians and cyclists
Trucks with uncovered loads
Motorists not using ashtrays or litter bags
Commercial trash dumpsters
Loading docks
Construction and demolition sites
Scattered residential trash

Visit these sites for more info:

- www.kab.org/
- www.litteringiswrongtoo.org/
- <http://keepncbeautiful.org/>
- www.litteringiswrongtoo.org/
- www.ncbigswEEP.org/

Swat-A-Litterbug:

- http://ncdot.org/doh/operations/dp_chief_eng/roadside/Beautification/Litterbug/

Local recycling and solid waste information:

- www.albemarlesolidwaste.org/
- <http://www.hydecountync.gov/hydecounty/departments/docs/>

Swan Quarter, NC - Hyde County Solid Waste & Recycling wants to help you prevent litter and thereby make the roads a bit safer.

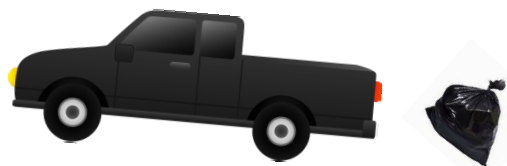
Hyde County kicks off its **Tarp Awareness campaign** by offering free tarps and educational materials to individual pickup truck owners. County staff will be handing out the tarps at each of the Hyde County Convenience Sites on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 from 9 AM until the supply of tarps is exhausted.

Keep NC Beautiful (www.keepncbeautiful.org) in partnership with the NC Department of Transportation and the NC Solid Waste Enforcement Officers Association are focused on educating drivers to properly secure cargo in pickup truck beds to prevent accidents and reduce roadside litter. Funding for this campaign is made possible by a Wal-Mart Foundation grant.

reinforce NC General Statue 14-399 which makes it **illegal to haul an improperly secured load and can result in a fine of as much as \$2,000, community service work and one point on a motorist's driver license** upon conviction.

Please take the time now to pledge to keep your cargo covered and to never litter!

The campaign will also



Trash on the Roads is Costly

"We know that litter from uncovered pickup trucks is not only hazardous and unsightly, but costs taxpayers millions of dollars to remove," says James Blount.

"We would like our citizens to make a habit of covering the loads in their pickup trucks. This simple action helps maintain the cleanliness of our community and keeps unintentional litter off of our roadsides."

Nationwide, 25,000 accidents a year can be attributed to roadway debris.

NC Department of Transportation (DOT) spends millions of dollars a year picking up litter from the state's roadsides.

If you see trash coming from a vehicle, intentionally or unintentionally, you may report that to NC DOT. See the reference for the [Swat-A-Litterbug](http://www.swat-a-litterbug.org) web site in the column to the left.